

Dear FCC,

I have been a very happy XM Satellite Radio customer since November of 2003 and I can't begin to tell you how much I love it!! XM has the most variety of the best music available anywhere. XM has the most fun and entertaining DJs on the air. XM provides amazing quality radio at a fantastic value to its customers. With their new traffic and weather channels, XM has dramatically increased the convenience and value they provide to all their listeners. Before I bought XM I used to search among two or three stations (FM and AM) for a comprehensive traffic and weather report. Sometimes I even had to wait 10 minutes for a traffic report - 10 minutes driving time in Washington is an eternity!! I can't tell you how many times those 10 minutes caused me to drive right into an hour-long backup on the Beltway, or a road that was closed for construction or an accident. It was the most frustrating thing you could imagine!

With the XM traffic and weather channels I don't have to wait anymore to find out what routes are the safest and fastest for me to take on my way around town. I know where there is a dangerous backup, where there is construction I want to avoid (less traffic for the road construction crews to deal with!!) and how long of a travel time I can expect on a particular route. I rely on them constantly. If you ask me, these are some of XM's best channels!

These channels, provided only by XM, are not available like this elsewhere on the radio dial. I gladly pay for these and other channels and it troubles me that the National Association of Broadcasters feels compelled to pressure the FCC to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I do not believe it is up to the National Association of Broadcasters to try to decide for me what I should or should not have access to - particularly on a service which I pay for myself!! I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve. The AM and FM radio stations are not providing decent service to the American people and they haven't provided the service for a long time. They've squandered their chance to do that and they've lost me as a customer. I am now on XM - and I will not be going back. All I ask is that XM be given the freedom to add channels that its customers want and need. That's just basic common business sense! The NAB needs to catch a clue!!